

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 August 66 03/0430Z	2. LOCATION San Luis Obispo, California (3 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible (AIRCRAFT) ✓ JH
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 - 60 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers noted round, whitish lights that appeared to have a small red light at the bottom. Objects were in formation; one behind the other, during entire sighting. No tail, trail, or exhaust was observed. Objects moved from right to left in straight line and then turned slightly to the left just before disappearing. Due to apparent fog condition, investigating officer believes observers saw an aircraft with its lights shining through the fog.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE NNE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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Observer number 2 - 20 degrees elevation and east northeast.

- (3) Observers 1 and 2 - object seemed to hang suspended with no motion.
- (4) Observers 1 and 2 - object disappeared with oncoming darkness.
- (5) Observer number 1 - 30 minutes.  
Observer number 2 - 20 minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Observers 1 and 2 - ground, visual.
- (2) Observer number 1 - Japanese manufactured binoculars, believed to be 12 power.  
Observer number 2 - American manufactured binoculars, 35x7.
- (3) Not applicable.

d. Time and date of sighting:

- (1) Observer number 1 - 29 August 1966, 0300Z.  
Observer number 2 - 29 August 1966, 0245Z.
- (2) Dusk.

e. Location of observers:

- (1) Observer number 1 - 120° 38' W longitude, 35° 27' N latitude, 13 nautical miles from the San Luis Obispo VORTAC on the 023 degree radial.  
Observer number 2 - 120° 23' W longitude, 35° 22' N latitude, 20 nautical miles from the San Luis Obispo VORTAC on the 060 degree radial.

f. Identifying information on observers:

(1) Observer number 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] age 36, [REDACTED] Grover City, California; occupation Highway Engineer; high school education and 3 years college. Mr. [REDACTED] had spent 4 years in the Navy, 2½ years of which was spent on an aircraft carrier, here he came into daily contact with aircraft. It is the opinion of the preparing officer that this person is completely reliable. He had no pet theories on UFOs or professed to be any type of an authority on the subject. He noticed an unfamiliar object in the sky and thought it his duty to report it to the proper authorities and did so.

Observer number 2 - Mr. [REDACTED] age 31, [REDACTED] California; occupation Highway Engineer; high school education. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was not very familiar with aircraft and did not think that he could identify one type from another. However, he did not believe the unidentified object he sighted to be an



airplane but rather a weather balloon. He did not notify any government or state official as he believed the unidentified object to be a weather balloon. Both observers are employed together, and during the course of normal conversation, the UFO was discussed. Mr. [REDACTED] (observer number 1) stated during the interview that he had a friend who also saw the unidentified object and asked the investigating officer if he would be interested in talking to him. That is how the investigating officer came to interview M. [REDACTED]

g. Weather and winds - Aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

- (1) Observer number 1 and 2 - Clear, dark and no clouds.
- (2) Surface 240/2k; 6,000 270/6k; 10,000 200/8k; 16,000 220/30k; 20,000 220/37k; 30,000 220/39k; 50,000 230/33k; 80,000 080/15k.
- (3) None.
- (4) 15 miles.
- (5) None.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Not applicable.

h. Other unusual conditions or activities:

- (1) Local newspapers carried a story on the reporting of an unidentified flying object by numerous people in the San Diego - Los Angeles area on the 27 and 28 of August. The newspaper stated that the object was a weather balloon released from Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

i. Not applicable.

j. Los Angeles Center stated that a large (450 ft dia.) experimental balloon Project No. H-66-74 was launched from Holloman AFB, New Mexico on 26 August at 0748Z. Holloman lost control of the balloon and it drifted to Needles, California, where the SAGE Unit at Phoenix tracked it to Palmdale. It then, went into an orbit in the vicinity of Taft, California. The balloon was tracked in the above area for the 27 and 28 August, when it was lost in the area of a thunderstorm.

k. Cy L. Asta, 1st Lieutenant, USAF, FV3109301, OIC, Flight Training, 4392d Aerospace Support Group, SAC, Vandenberg AFB, California 93437.

Analysis by preparing officer: Due to the existence of a large experimental balloon in the vicinity of the sighted UFO and the description given by the two observers which closely resembled that of the balloon, it is the opinion of the preparing officer that the object sighted was the large experimental balloon that was launched from Holloman AFB, New Mexico on the 26 of August at 0748Z.



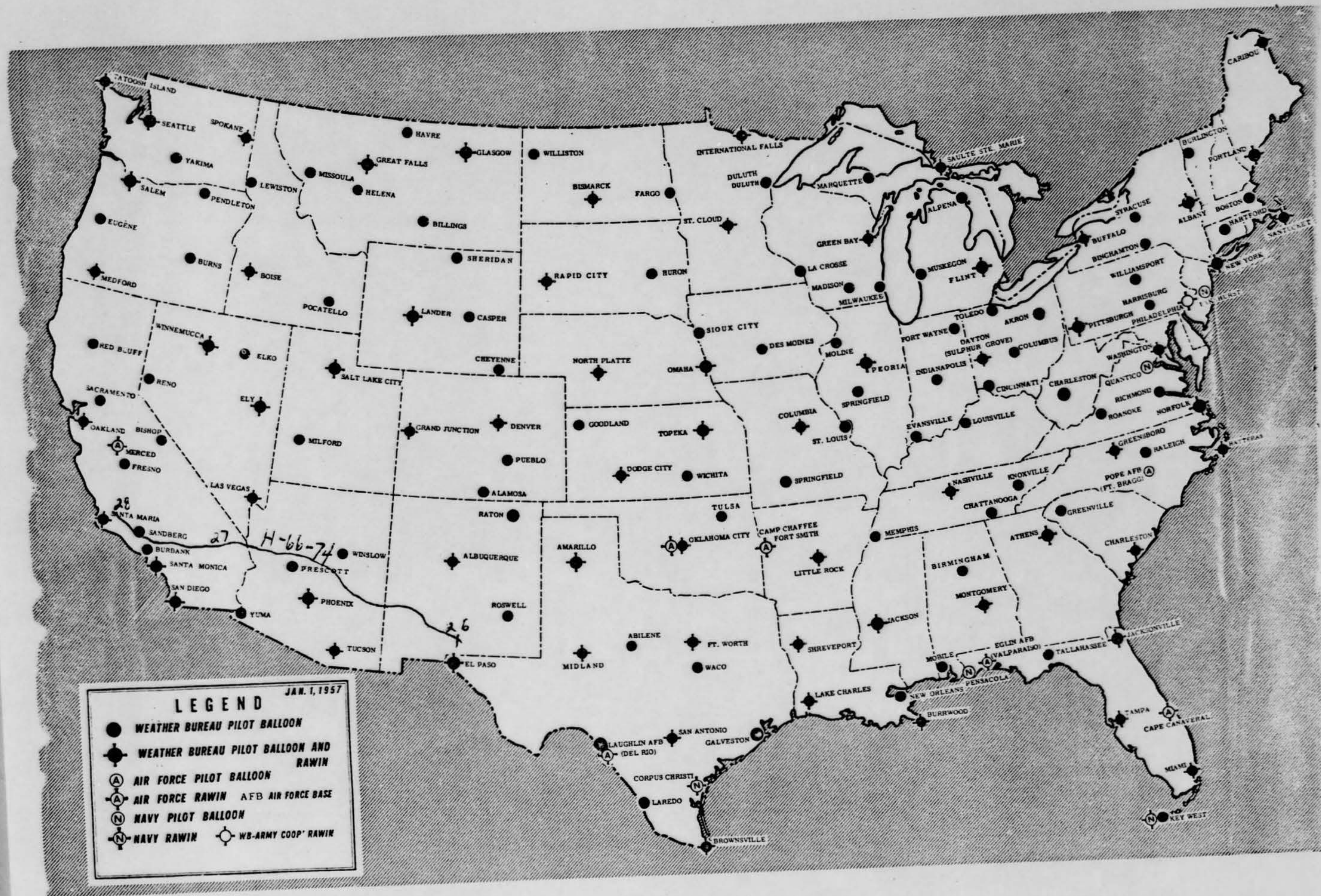
1. Not applicable.

FOR THE COMMANDER

*Robert M. Sinsabaugh*

ROBERT M. SINSABAUGH, Lt Colonel, USAF  
Director of Operations







DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 4392D AEROSPACE SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)  
VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, 93437



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: BDOB

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)

16 AUG 1966

TO: AFSC (FTD)  
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

In accordance with AFR 200-2 as supplemented, the following Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Report is submitted for your action.

a. Description of the object(s):

- (1) Observer number 1 and 2 - round.
- (2) Observer number 1 and 2 - compared to the size of a 8 inch wall clock at a distance of 10 feet.
- (3) Observer number 1 - white.  
Observer number 2 - white with small red light at the bottom. Red light approximately one-tenth size of white object.
- (4) Observer number 1 and 2 - two.
- (5) Observer number 1 and 2 - in formation, one behind the other, remained in formation during entire sighting. Distance between objects approximately same size as objects.
- (6) Observer number 1 - appeared to be a round light like a large star, glowing and spinning.  
Observer number 2 - two big white lights.
- (7) Observer number 1 and 2 - no tail, trail, or exhaust observed.
- (8) Observer number 1 and 2 - no sound heard. However, observers were in automobile, stationary with engine running, and only the driver's (observer number 3) window slightly opened.
- (9) Observer number 1 and 2 - both observers claimed familiarity with airplanes, helicopters, blimps, and missiles, both stated the sighted objects did not resemble any of these common air vehicles.

b. Description of course of object(s):

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(1) Observer number 1 was in right front seat of automobile in motion over rough dirt ravine access road at approximately 10 MPH when she observed objects ahead, above and slightly to the right. Immediately brought the objects to the attention of observers number 2 and 3.

(2) Approximately forty (40) degrees elevation and ten (10) degrees to the right of automobile's line of motion.

(3) Approximately forty (40) degrees elevation and forty (40) degrees to the left of automobile's line of motion.

(4) Observer number 1 - objects moved from right to left in straight line and then turned slightly to the left just before disappearing out of line of vision. Immediately after slight left turn, the lead object changed shape from spherical to vertical ellipitical and objects appeared to accelerate.

Observer number 2 - confirmed above observations and further stated that when lead object changed shape, the small red light associated with the lead object was no longer visible. Observers number 2 observed entire visible flight of object through binoculars.

(5) Observer number 1 and 2 - objects disappeared over ridge of canyon to the north, northeast.

(6) Observer number 1 - one minute.  
Observer number 2 - twenty seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Group - visual.
- (2) Japanese manufactured binoculars. Constellation 8x30 ZCF.
- (3) Not applicable.

d. Time and date of sighting:

- (1) 03/0430Z.
- (2) Night (no moon).

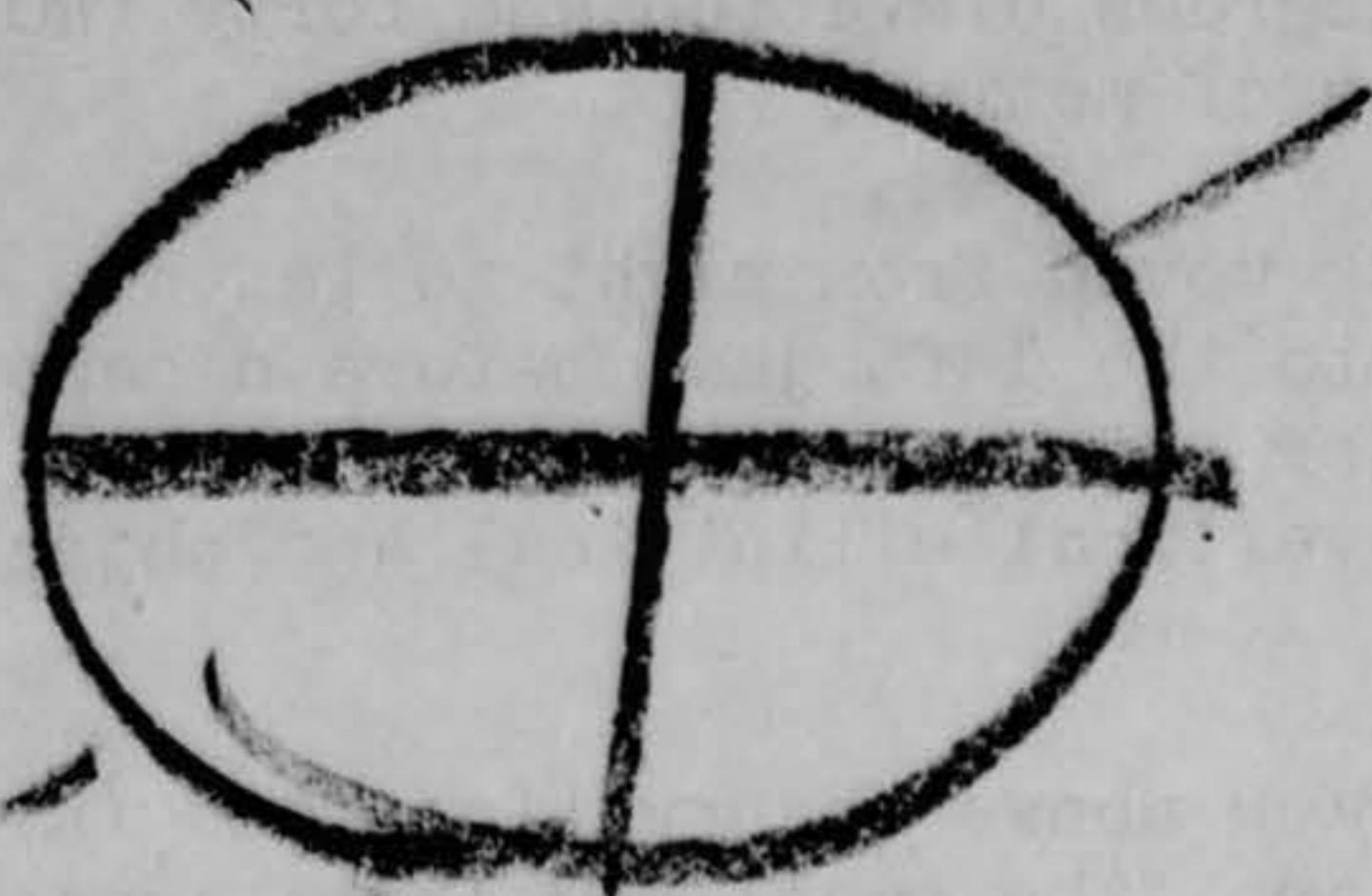
e. Location of observers:

(1) Longitude 120° 49' W, Latitude 35° 16' N, 4 nautical miles from San Luis Obispo VORTAC on 255 degrees radial. 1964 Ford Thunderbird hardtop was proceeding east along Isly Creek on Sly Creek Road. Road is in canyon with steep brush covered hills on both sides. Hills exceed 1000 feet MSL in elevation.

f. Identifying information on observer(s):



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(1) Observer number 1 - Mrs. [REDACTED], age 20, temporarily residing with Sister-in-Law at [REDACTED] Drive, San Luis Obispo, California; occupation Beautician; Catholic; married (husband cares for patients at Atascadero State Hospital); high school education. Familiar with aircraft appearances and sounds from observation. She has never flown in aircraft or traveled extensively. Was non-committal on belief or disbeliefs concerning existence of Flying Saucers. The observer does not drink intoxicating beverages, use drugs, or is under the care of a physician. It is the opinion of the preparing officer that this person is completely reliable. She displayed no indications of being the hysterical or nervous type of individual, and did see objects that she could not identify as being something within her depth of technical knowledge and experience.

(2) Observer number 2 - Mrs. L. [REDACTED], age 24, [REDACTED] Drive, San Luis Obispo, California; occupation Bookkeeper; Catholic; married; high school education. Familiar with aircraft appearances and sounds from observation. She has never flown in aircraft or traveled extensively. Stated that the first thing that came to her mind was Flying Saucers. She further stated she had observed many photos of Flying Saucers in news medias, and had read considerable literature on the subject. Also that she recently viewed [REDACTED] (Los Angeles) when a Flying Saucer believer was interviewed. She stated the program was very convincing. This person admits believing in Flying Saucers and that their source is Russia and not outer space. The observer does not drink intoxicating beverages, use drugs, or is under the care of a physician. It is the opinion of the preparing officer that the reliability of this person is questionable because of her obvious strong conviction concerning manned air platforms from a foreign country. This conviction could conceivably confuse the mental picture and logic analysis of any observation that is not immediately recognizable within her depth of knowledge. The observer appeared to be the slightly nervous type and very talkative which leads the preparing officer to believe she could have directly influenced the other two observers into believing her theories at the time of the sighting. Particularly since she was the only observer who had access to binoculars. She had not reported her observations to any civil or military authorities. She had mentioned the incident to a friend who telephoned the information to the wife of a Vandenberg AB officer who in turn reported it to the military authorities at Vandenberg AFB, California.

(3) Observer number 3 - Husband of Mrs. [REDACTED], age 24; [REDACTED] Drive, San Luis Obispo, California; occupation Auto Parts Sales Clerk; Catholic; high school education. Not available for comments on observation. However, Mrs. [REDACTED] stated her husband was a skeptic concerning Flying Saucers and felt there was a logical explanation of what they had observed.

(4) Not applicable.

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft conditions at time and Place of sightings:



- (1) Clear, dark night and no moon.
- (2) Surface 290/4K; 6000 160/5K; 10000 240/6K; 16000 290/4K; 20000 270/2K; 30000 200/35K; 50000 180/10K; 80000 090/35K.
- (3) Estimated 400 foot ceiling in area.
- (4) Five (5) miles in fog. Wind 320°/6K.
- (5) Overcast, surface temperature 56°F and Dew Point 53°F.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Not available.

h. Contact by the preparing officer with local airports, Sheriff's Office, Highway Patrol, City Police, and Fire Department concerning any unusual occurrence in the area during the sighting period resulted in negative reports. The Sheriff's Office did remember hearing a low flying aircraft circling San Luis Obispo shortly after dusk. This confirmed observer number 2's comment that they had witnessed a low flying aircraft as they neared San Luis Obispo shortly after the sighting.

i. Not applicable.

j. Airfields, airports, and FAA facilities reported negative traffic in the reported area during the time of the sighting. However, this is inconclusive because many civil aircraft in this area do not file flight plans and tend to follow the coast as a visual reference for navigation.

k. Robert L. Hess, Major, USAF, FV2101634, Chief, Helicopter Section, 4392d Aerospace Support Group, SAC, Vandenberg AFB, California.

Analysis by preparing officer: During this season of the year, it is customary for fog to form along the coastal regions with low thin layer of stratus clouds extending inland for approximately eight to ten miles. When an aircraft is observed from the ground flying near or in a thin stratus cloud layer or in an obscured fog condition, any visible aircraft light will tend to diffuse and take on the appearance of a bright area of light. It is the opinion of the preparing officer that the object(s) observed was an aircraft with wing lights on to check cloud condition or give position to aircraft or airport in the area, flying slightly above a thin stratus cloud layer, and was the same aircraft reported by the Sheriff's Office as having been heard circling the city at low altitude. Because of the angle from which the objects were observed, it is possible that the reported red lights could have been the left red navigation light and the anti-collision light. A temporary partial break away from the cloud condition could explain the change in shape of one of the objects. The lack of any reported sound could be attributed to the observers being in an enclosed automobile with the motor and heater running,



the excitement on the part of the observers, and the apparent continuous exchange of verbal comments.

1. Not applicable.

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## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 August 66 29/0245Z	2. LOCATION San Luis Obispo, California (2 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON ✓ <i>Just</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 - 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Two different observers reported seeing an unusual object in the vicinity of San Luis Obispo, Calif. Object was compared with a large weather balloon by one observer. The object was reported to be round in shape and being amber and silver in color, depending on the observer. Both observers just happened to look up and noticed a starlike object in the sky at a time when no stars would have been visible. A 450 ft experimental balloon, Project No H-66-74 was launched from Holloman AFB, N M on August 26, 66. The balloon was tracked to Taft, Calif., where it was lost in the area of a thunderstorm. Taft, Calif., is approximately 50 miles from San Luis Obispo, Calif.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE ENE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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13 SEP 1966

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In accordance with AFR 200-2, as supplemented, the following Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Report is submitted for your action.

a. Description of the object:

- (1) Observer number 1 - rounded triangular.  
Observer number 2 - round.
- (2) Observer number 1 - compared to the size of a pin head held at arms length.  
Observer number 2 - compared to the size of a baseball held at arms length.
- (3) Observer number 1 - bright amber.  
Observer number 2 - silver.
- (4) Observer number 1 and 2 - one.
- (5) Not Applicable.
- (6) Observer number 1 - object had what appeared to be 3 dark spots on the surface.  
Observer number 2 - appeared to be a large plastic balloon like object with several surface indentations.
- (7) Observers 1 and 2 - no tail, trail, or exhaust observed.
- (8) Observers 1 and 2 - no sound was heard, both observers were out of doors.
- (9) Observers 1 and 2 - both observers claimed familiarity with aircraft, both stated that the object did not resemble an airplane.

b. Description of course of object:

- (1) Observers 1 and 2 - both stated that they just happened to look up and noticed a starlike object in the sky at a time when no stars would have been visible.
- (2) Observer number 1 - 15 degrees elevation and due east.

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